



EUROPEAN CANAL BARGE CRUISES

'Lilas' - Saône River & Canal du Centre 2020

7 days

Limited to 8 guests

Sail gracefully between St-Léger-sur-Saone and Pontailler-sur-Saône aboard luxurious 'Lilas.' Hosting up to eight guests in a casual, welcoming atmosphere, the open and airy design boasts a decor that blends floral colors with natural linens, wood furnishings and handcrafted ironwork. Relax on deck, soaking up the sun beside the heated plunge pool or reclining in the shade of the canopy. Savor lunch served al fresco in the open-doored lounge and sit down to unforgettable gourmet dinners in the formal dining room. Go ashore to explore the Burgundian wine town of Beaune and visit historic Clos de Vougeot where Cistercian monks first made wine in the 12th century.

Vessel Information

126 feet long, 16.5 feet wide with air conditioning throughout

Capacity for 8 in 4 king/twin cabins, each outward facing with en suite bathroom

Salon with stereo system, television with assortment of CDs/DVDs

Sun deck, partially shaded for al fresco dining, with heated plunge pool

Bicycles provided

Internet access (limited in some areas)

All meals and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) included

'Belmond Pivoine'

Included With Every European Canal Barge Cruise

- Canal Barges Hand-Selected by A&K
- Choice of Independent Bookings or Private Charters Available
- Transfers to/from Barges
- All Meals and Drinks on Board
- All Sightseeing Excursions During the Cruise
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Itinerary

DAY 1 SUNDAY

Meet in Paris for a Private Driver Transfer to Pontallier-sur-Saône, where you join 'Lilas.' Once on board, enjoy a welcome reception, followed by a sumptuous dinner prepared by your private chef.

'Lilas' | Meals: Dinner



DAY 2 MONDAY

Relax this morning as your barge cruises to Auxonne. After lunch on board, visit historic Clos de Vougeot, a famous château with ancient wine presses and cellar. Cistercian monks first made wine here in the 12th century. Return to the barge by way of a local vineyard for a private wine tasting.

'Lilas' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 TUESDAY

Visit Dijon today for a walking tour that includes the market, mustard shop and Ducal Palace. Enjoy free time for shopping or relaxing at a sidewalk café before returning to the barge for lunch. During the afternoon, cruise to Verdun-sur-le-Doubs along the majestic Saône River.

'Lilas' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY

Enter the Canal du Centre today through the impressive lock at Crissey. After lunch, visit the pretty village of Rully with its 12th-century fortress. The château's owner guides you through his family home to share the intriguing history of his ancestors. Tonight, dine ashore at a local restaurant.

'Lilas' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 THURSDAY

Continue cruising along the beautiful canal today, with excellent opportunities for walking or cycling along the towpath. Visit Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy, for a private tour of Hôtel-Dieu. This charity hospital, dating from the 15th century, boasts a magnificent tiled roof.

'Lilas' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 FRIDAY

After a leisurely morning cruise to St-Léger-sur-Dheune, visit Château de Chamirey, a family-run wine estate in Mercurey. A tour of the vineyards is followed by a visit to the wine cellar for a tasting. Return to 'Lilas' for a gala farewell dinner to celebrate the cruise week.

'Lilas' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 SATURDAY

Disembark after breakfast for a Private Driver Transfer back to Paris where your journey ends on arrival.

Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

Dates & Prices

Priced from \$57,810 to \$90,840 per charter

Prices are for an eight guest Private Charter, with reduced pricing available for Private Charters of six or seven guests. Departures operate weekly from Sunday to Saturday between March 22 and October 18, and pricing varies by departure date and time of booking. Price includes TGV high-speed train from Paris to barge embarkation and return. Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).